

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Franz Esser *et al.*

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For: USE OF  $\alpha_{1E}$  AGONISTS FOR TREATING URINARY INCONTINENCE



Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to commencing examination, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

On page 1, after the title of the invention, insert the following:

**--Related Applications**

This is a division of Serial No. 09/227,944, filed January 11, 1999, which is a continuation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of prior application Serial Number 08/913,900, filed February 26, 1998, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 371, claiming benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, from PCT/EP96/01568.

**Background of the Invention--**

**In the Claims:**

Cancel claims 1-20 and add new claims 21 to 28 as follows:

--21. (new) A compound of the formulae II

